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YEARS AGO, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ***PETER PARKER*** WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER AND GAINED THE SPEED, AGILITY, AND PROPORTIONAL STRENGTH OF A SPIDER AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO STICK TO WALLS AND A SPIDER-SENSE THAT WARNED HIM OF IMMINENT DANGER. AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN *RECENTLY LED AN ARMY OF SPIDER-MEN AND WOMEN IN A FIGHT FOR THEIR SURVIVAL AGAINST A DANGEROUS FAMILY OF INTERDIMENSIONAL SPIDER-HUNTERS. ONE OF THEM MANAGED TO LEECH SOME OF SPIDER-MAN'S LIFEFORCE AND, AS A RESULT, PETER IS NOW MORE EXHAUSTED THAN EVER.*

MENTALLY, THOUGH, PETER'S SPIRITS COULDN'T BE HIGHER. AFTER SPIDER-VERSE, HE'S CERTAIN HE CAN LEAD HIS COMPANY, ***PARKER INDUSTRIES,*** *TO A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE. NOT EVERYONE HAS THE SAME VISION FOR PI, THOUGH, AND SOMEONE HAS SENT THE MOST DANGEROUS CORPORATE SPY IN THE WORLD –* ***GHOST*** *– TO HIS FRONT DOOR!*

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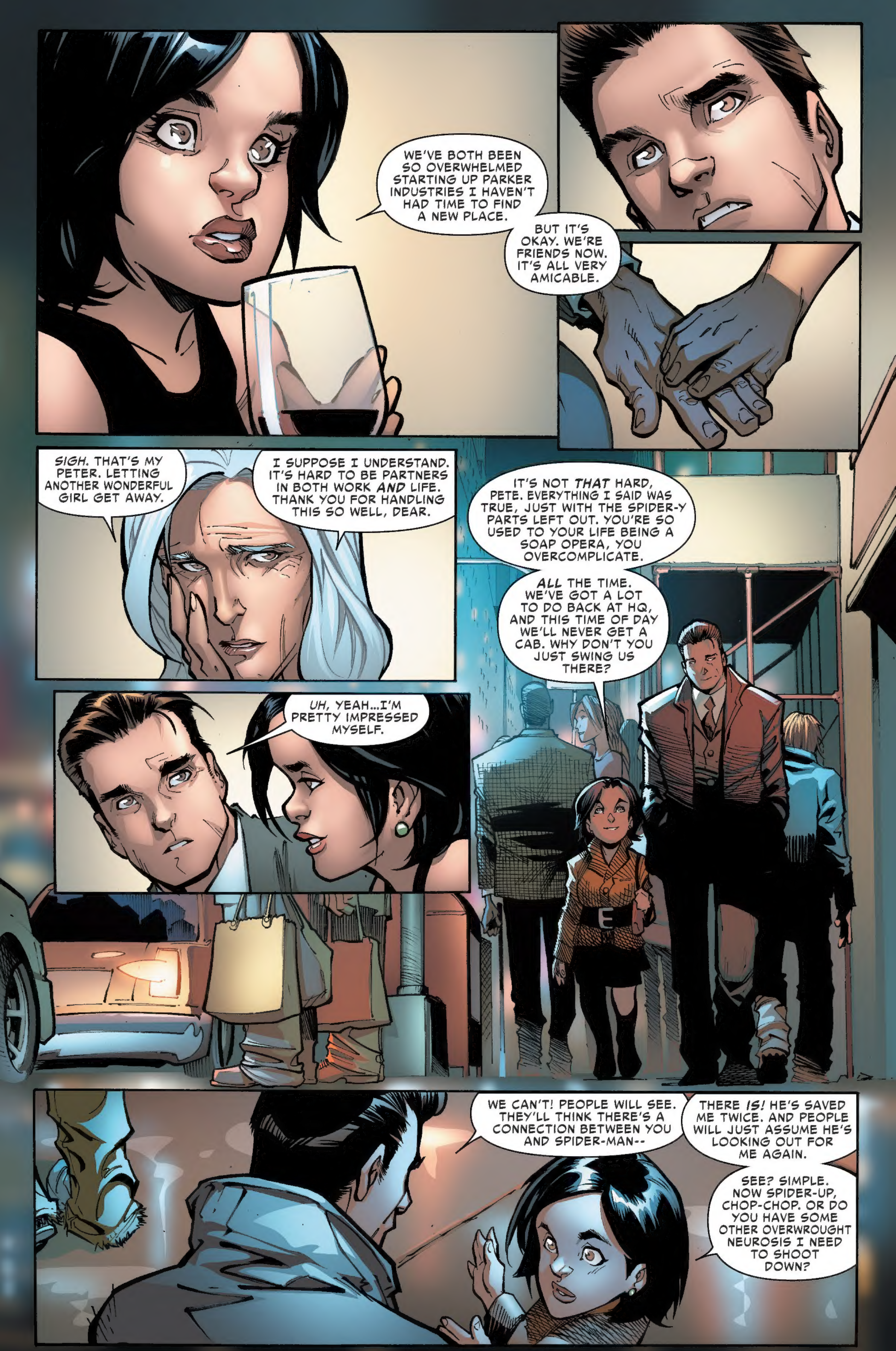
DINNER AT AUNT MAY AND JAY'S APARTMENT.
ANNA MARIA, THIS MEAL YOU PREPARED IS A WORK OF ART.
PSSH. WITH A KITCHEN LIKE YOURS, IT'S EASY.
SPEAKING OF ART, WE JUST GOT THAT CENTERPIECE AT AUCTION...OUR ONLY WIN. A VERY DETERMINED YOUNG LADY TOOK MOST OF IT.
YOU LANDED A GOOD ONE, JAY. I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE, BUT I CAN'T PLACE WHERE...
YOU LANDED A GOOD ONE TOO, PETER, AND I'D HATE TO SEE YOU LOSE HER. YOU AND ANNA MARIA HAVE BEEN LIVING TOGETHER FOR SOME TIME NOW.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME YOU--WHAT DO THE YOUNG PEOPLE SAY? PUT A RING ON IT?
UM-- GLMPF--
OH, MAN. ANNA MARIA MOVED IN WHEN DOC OCK'S MIND WAS CONTROLLING MY BODY. SHE AND I ARE JUST FRIENDS. BUT I CAN'T TELL AUNT MAY THAT.
GOTTA VAMP...SAY THERE'S A RULE AT PARKER INDUSTRIES ABOUT COWORKERS DATING. NO, THAT WON'T WORK...I'M C.E.O., I MAKE THE RULES...
WHAT PETER'S TRYING TO SAY IS, WE BROKE UP.


WE'VE BOTH BEEN SO OVERWHELMED STARTING UP PARKER INDUSTRIES I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO FIND A NEW PLACE.
BUT IT'S OKAY. WE'RE FRIENDS NOW. IT'S ALL VERY AMICABLE.
SIGH. THAT'S MY PETER. LETTING ANOTHER WONDERFUL GIRL GET AWAY.
I SUPPOSE I UNDERSTAND. IT'S HARD TO BE PARTNERS IN BOTH WORK AND LIFE. THANK YOU FOR HANDLING THIS SO WELL, DEAR.
IT'S NOT THAT HARD, PETE. EVERYTHING I SAID WAS TRUE, JUST WITH THE SPIDER-Y PARTS LEFT OUT. YOU'RE SO USED TO YOUR LIFE BEING A SOAP OPERA, YOU OVERCOMPLICATE.
ALL THE TIME. WE'VE GOT A LOT TO DO BACK AT HQ, AND THIS TIME OF DAY WE'LL NEVER GET A CAB. WHY DON'T YOU JUST SWING US THERE?
UH, YEAH...I'M PRETTY IMPRESSED MYSELF.
WE CAN'T! PEOPLE WILL SEE. THEY'LL THINK THERE'S A CONNECTION BETWEEN YOU AND SPIDER-MAN--
THERE IS! HE'S SAVED ME TWICE. AND PEOPLE WILL JUST ASSUME HE'S LOOKING OUT FOR ME AGAIN.
SEE? SIMPLE. NOW SPIDER-UP, CHOP-CHOP. OR DO YOU HAVE SOME OTHER OVERWROUGHT NEUROSIS I NEED TO SHOOT DOWN?

MAKING GREAT TIME, AWESOME VIEW...AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO SEE YOUR FACE TO KNOW YOU'RE TOTALLY FREAKING OUT.
I WAS JUST THINKING...MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP A COUPLE BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE OFFICE. SPIDEY AND PARKER ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ON THE OUTS.
OH, PLEASE. *NO ONE* BOUGHT THAT. NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE. YOU REALLY THOUGHT YOU'D BE ABLE TO PULL THAT OFF?
YOU *DID!* SERIOUSLY, DUDE, THAT ONE BORDERED ON DELUSIONAL. THE WAY YOU THINK SOMETIMES...
BY
CHANNA

PARKER INDUSTRIES BETA TESTING LAB.

WHAT WAS PARKER THINKING?

SPENDING ALL OUR TIME AND RESOURCES DESIGNING A *SUPER VILLAIN PRISON?* THIS IS THE TITANIC! THE HINDENBURG! WE CAN'T WIN!

SUPER VILLAINS BREAK OUT, THAT'S WHAT THEY DO! THE FIRST TIME ONE OF THESE LUNATIC PSYCHOPATHS BUSTS LOOSE, PARKER INDUSTRIES IS A *JOKE!*

I WAS ONE OF THOSE "*LUNATIC PSYCHOPATHS,*" SAJANI. AND THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT HOLDING CRIMINALS...IT'S ABOUT *REFORMING* THEM.

PETER HIRED ME WHEN NO ONE ELSE WOULD, 'CAUSE HE BELIEVED I COULD RISE ABOVE MY OLD LIFE AS *CLASH*. THAT'S ALL SOME OF THESE GUYS NEED...A CHANCE.

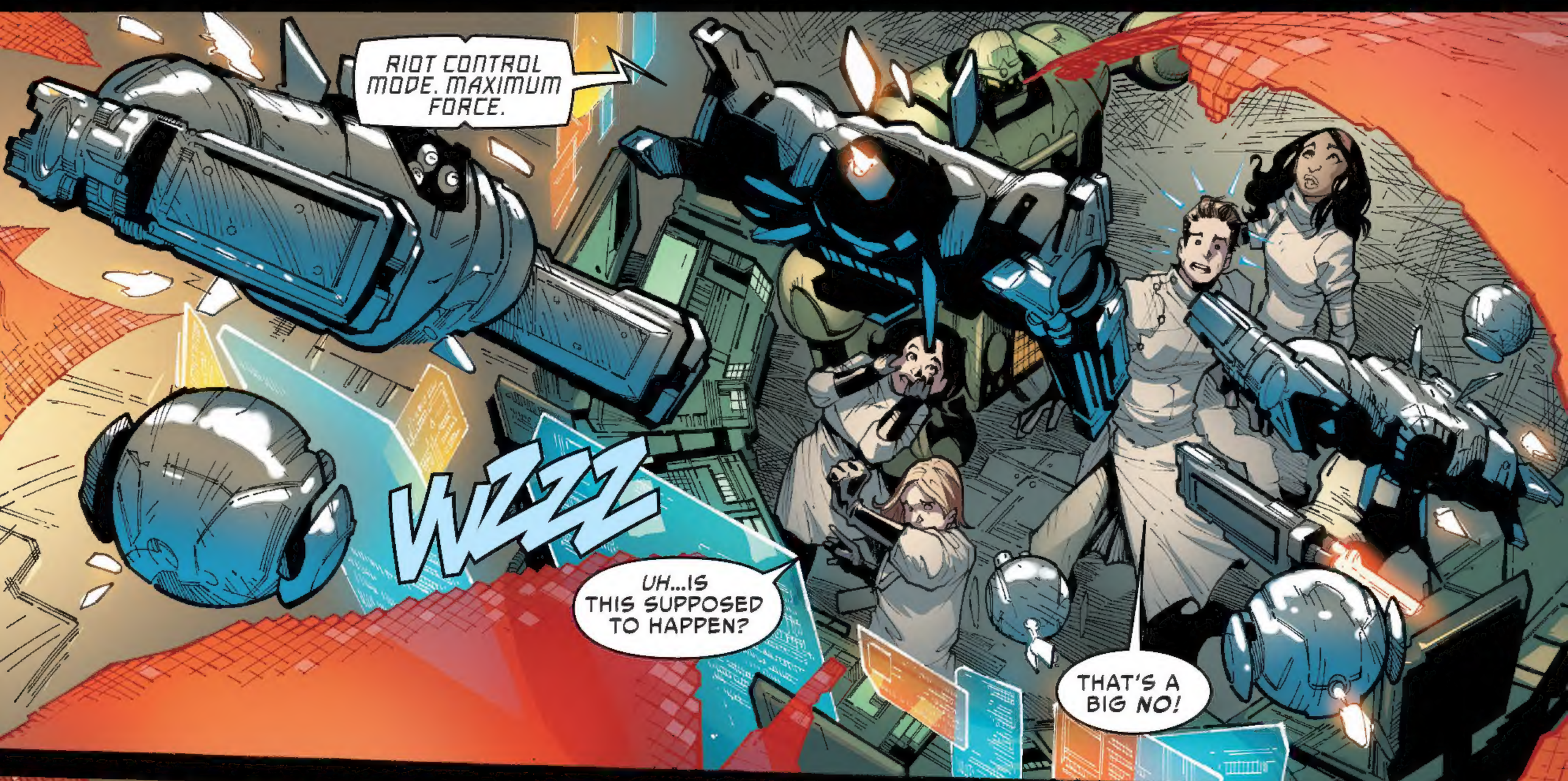
THINK OF THE GOOD SOMEONE LIKE MYSTERIO COULD'VE DONE IF HE'D CHANGED HIS WAYS. ISN'T THAT WORTH THE RISK?

UH, YEAH...I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT *YOU*, CLAYTON. I JUST MEANT, *UM*...

MS. JAFFREY, CAN I HAVE A MINUTE?
YES! SORRY, CLAYTON, PRESSING SECURITY ISSUE HERE...AGAIN...
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE SYSTEM. IT'S BEEN GLITCHING ON AND OFF ALL OVER THE BUILDING.
HOW? AFTER THE BLACK CAT BROKE IN, I HAD IT UPGRADED TO TOP-OF-THE-LINE, HACK-PROOF, PROPRIETARY TECH!
NO ONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET IN OR OUT WITHOUT--
HEY, SAJANI.
WHAT THE HECK? I WAS SUPPOSED TO GET A TEXT WHEN PETE CAME IN SO WE COULD DISCUSS THE BUDGET! IS THE KEYCARD SYSTEM DOWN, TOO?
OH--PETER HAS A SECRET DOOR TO HIS LAB. IT'S HOW HE HAS COVERT MEETINGS WITH SPIDER-MAN. HE'S GETTING HIS TECH FROM US AGAIN.
YOU LYING-- YOU PROMISED ME THAT WOULD STOP!
ANNA, WHY DO YOU KEEP DOING THIS TO ME?
I DON'T LIKE KEEPING SECRETS. SEE, THIS IS WHY WE SPLIT UP.
YOU WHAT?
ANNA!
YOU DIDN'T THINK I SHOULD KNOW MY COWORKERS BROKE UP?
I'M ABOUT TO BREAK DOWN.
UM, I'M GONNA GO TRY TO ISOLATE THAT GLITCH...
WHAT? WE SHOULD TELL PEOPLE. IT'S BETTER TO BE TRANSPARENT...

PARKER INDUSTRIES SECURITY HUB.
TSK. IN BUSINESS SUCH A SHORT TIME AND ALREADY EXPANDING THE PRISON-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. PARKER INDUSTRIES, I WOULD'VE BROUGHT YOU DOWN FOR FREE.
NOT THAT I'LL REFUSE THE MONEY... EVEN A GHOST HAS TO EAT.
PHONES, DOWN. INTERNET, DOWN. THAT'LL BE NOTICED. NOW LET'S MAKE SURE NO ONE ABSCONDS FOR THE NEAREST COFFEE SHOP WITH FREE WIFI.
FULL LOCKDOWN INITIATED. ALL EXITS SEALED.
THERE. MEASURES DESIGNED TO KEEP THE MASSES OUT ARE SO EASILY REPURPOSED TO TRAP THE GUILTY WITHIN.
AND THERE ARE NO INNOCENTS HERE. EVERYONE IS COMPLICIT. FROM THE TYRANNICAL C.E.O. ...
...TO THE LOWLIEST SECURITY GUARD.
HEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
SETTING THE WORLD FREE.
BLAM BLAM
STARTING WITH YOU.
GKK--!

MEANWHILE...
I KNOW YOU'VE ALL PUT IN A LOT OF HOURS BUT IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR THE BIG PAYOFF.
WE'RE ABOUT TO TEST A FULLY FUNCTIONING MODEL OF HOW A WING OF OUR PRISON WOULD WORK. THIS IS A HISTORIC MOMENT. AND WE WOULDN'T BE HERE WITHOUT YOU.
OR YOU, PETE. ESPECIALLY YOU.
AND... FINGERS CROSSED.
KLIK
POWER ON.
HARD-LIGHT SMART WALLS UP. SECURITY ORBS ONLINE. S.W.A.T.-BOTS READING AT 100%.
IT'S WORKING!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
LOVELY. NOW THE FUN CAN BEGIN.
I DO ADORE SURPRISES.
TEK TEK TEK


RIOT CONTROL MODE. MAXIMUM FORCE.
WZZZ
UH...IS THIS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN?
THAT'S A BIG NO!

SMART WALLS: BLOCK ESCAPE ROUTES.
ALL UNITS STAND DOWN! OVERRIDE CODE THETA!
SCHAAAM

OH, THAT WON'T WORK. NOTHING WILL. AND DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO CALL FOR HELP...OR PIZZA, FOR THAT MATTER. IT'S JUST US...ME, YOU, AND YOUR CREATIONS.
I MUST SAY, AS A FORMER OCCUPANT OF THE KIND OF FACILITY YOU'RE BUILDING, I CAN SEE YOU'VE DONE IMPRESSIVE WORK. BUT A LAYMAN MAY NOT GRASP THE LEVEL OF CRAFTSMANSHIP.
SO I'M GOING TO SHOW THE WORLD. BY HAVING YOUR INVENTIONS HOLD YOU SECURELY INSIDE PARKER INDUSTRIES...WHILE I BRING IT DOWN ON YOUR HEADS.

OUT! LET ME OUT!
WE HAVE A RUNNER. TARGET LOCK.
NO!
GET DOWN!
SPLANG
SPANG
ALERT--CORE DAMAGE--
KRANG
TANG
WHABOOM
THEY TOOK EACH OTHER OUT! TALK ABOUT LUCK!
MORE LIKE SPIDER-SENSE. I'M REALLY RISKING EXPOSING MYSELF HERE, BUT THERE'S NO OTHER OPTION.

NOT JUST LUCK. I'M BROADCASTING A JAMMING FREQUENCY THAT'LL MESS WITH THEIR GUIDANCE SYSTEMS.
BUT THAT WON'T-- UH, I MEAN, GOOD CALL!
ANNA'S DOING IT AGAIN--COVERING FOR ME. CREATING A PLAUSIBLE EXCUSE FOR ME TO USE MY POWERS WITHOUT TORPEDOING MY SECRET IDENTITY.
BUT WE'RE CLOSE TO THE POINT WHERE THAT WON'T MATTER...UNLESS I GET US OUT OF HERE, FAST!
WHAM
THIS ONE'S OFF BALANCE! MAYBE IF I HIT IT HARD ENOUGH--
OR WITH A HEALTHY DOSE OF SPIDER-STRENGTH...
LIVING BRAIN! PROTECT ALL STAFF AND GUIDE THEM TO THE EXIT!
WHIRR CLICK-ICK--YES, DOCTOR.

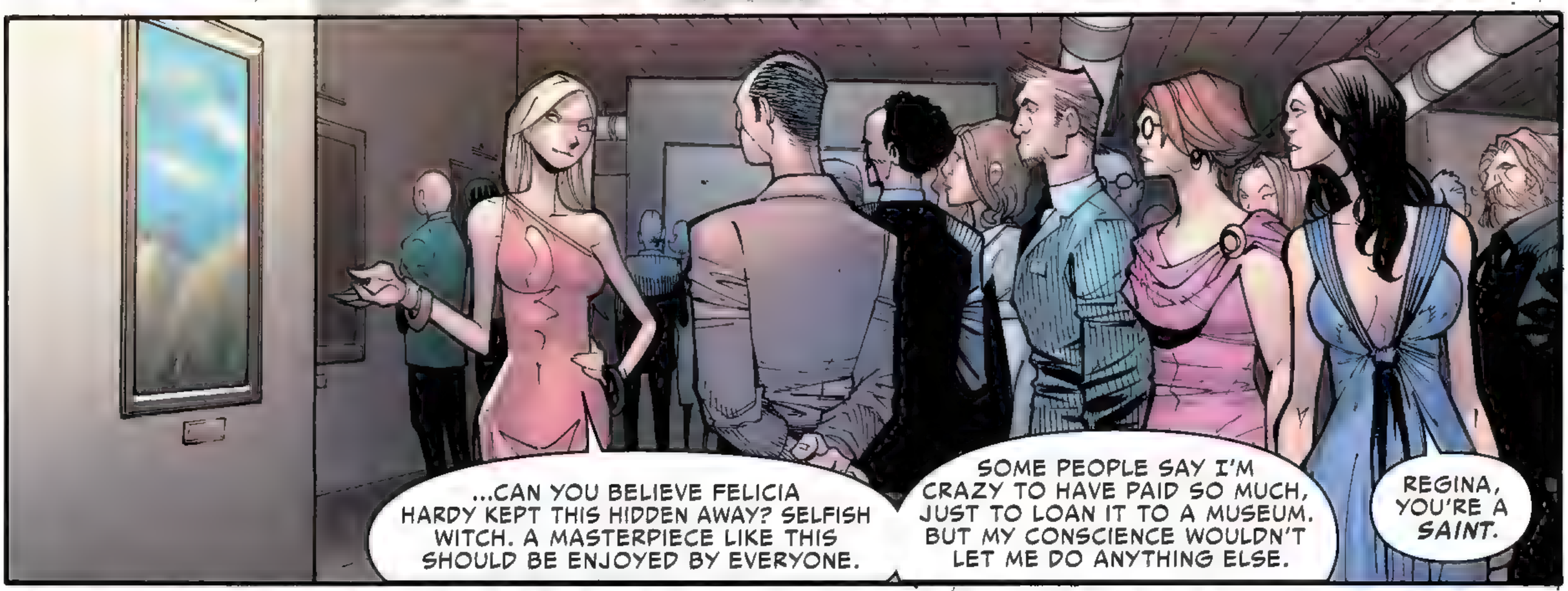
TZANG
CLICK- DAMAGE REPORT. FUNCTION AT 78%!
OH, NO!
HEY, BETTER THE ROBOT THAN US.
BARELY. THE ONLY PLACE OUR "SECRET PROJECT" IS BACKED UP IS IN THE LIVING BRAIN'S MEMORY. IF WE LOSE OUR MAIN COMPUTER--
YOU DIDN'T BACK IT UP ON YOUR HOME SYSTEM?
SANJANI AND ANNA MARIA HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A NANOTECHNOLOGY PROJECT SINCE ASM 61 — DEDUCTIVE DEV
WOULD THAT BE THE HOME I SHARE WITH THE GUY YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING?
POINT TAKEN.
PARKER'S DEAD-END PROJECT ISN'T JUST THREATENING OUR LIVES, IT'S RISKING MY ONLY HOPE OF SALVAGING THIS WHOLE BUSINESS.
IT'S THE BLACK CAT ALL OVER AGAIN. THE ONLY WAY THIS MESS GETS FIXED IS IF I FIX IT...

ALL EXITS ARE LOCKED... I CAN'T OVERRIDE! THERE'S NO WAY OUT!
THERE'S A SECRET DOOR IN MY LAB--NOT LINKED TO THE MAIN SYSTEM!
THAT DOESN'T HELP US IF WE CAN'T GET THERE!
LIVING BRAIN! ANALYZE WALLS FOR WEAK POINTS...
CLICK-- WHIRR--
...AND MAKE US A DOOR!
KRAKATH
KRNCH
EVERYONE, THAT WAY! AND LISTEN--SPIDER-MAN USES THIS ENTRANCE TO GET HIS TECH SECRETLY, WITHOUT HURTING OUR COMPANY'S P.R.
SO KEEP WHAT YOU SEE QUIET...AND DON'T TOUCH ANY OF HIS EQUIPMENT. IT'S DANGEROUS.
MAN, SHE'S GOOD...JUST ESTABLISHED A TOTALLY LEGIT REASON SPIDER-MAN COULD SHOW UP. TIME FOR ME TO HANG BACK AND MAKE THAT HAPPEN.
MR. PARKER! AREN'T YOU COMING?
AS SOON AS I SEAL OFF THE LAB!
I DON'T SEE SAJANI. SHE WAS FIRST TO GET OUT, THOUGH...AND I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYWHERE ELSE IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN HERE...

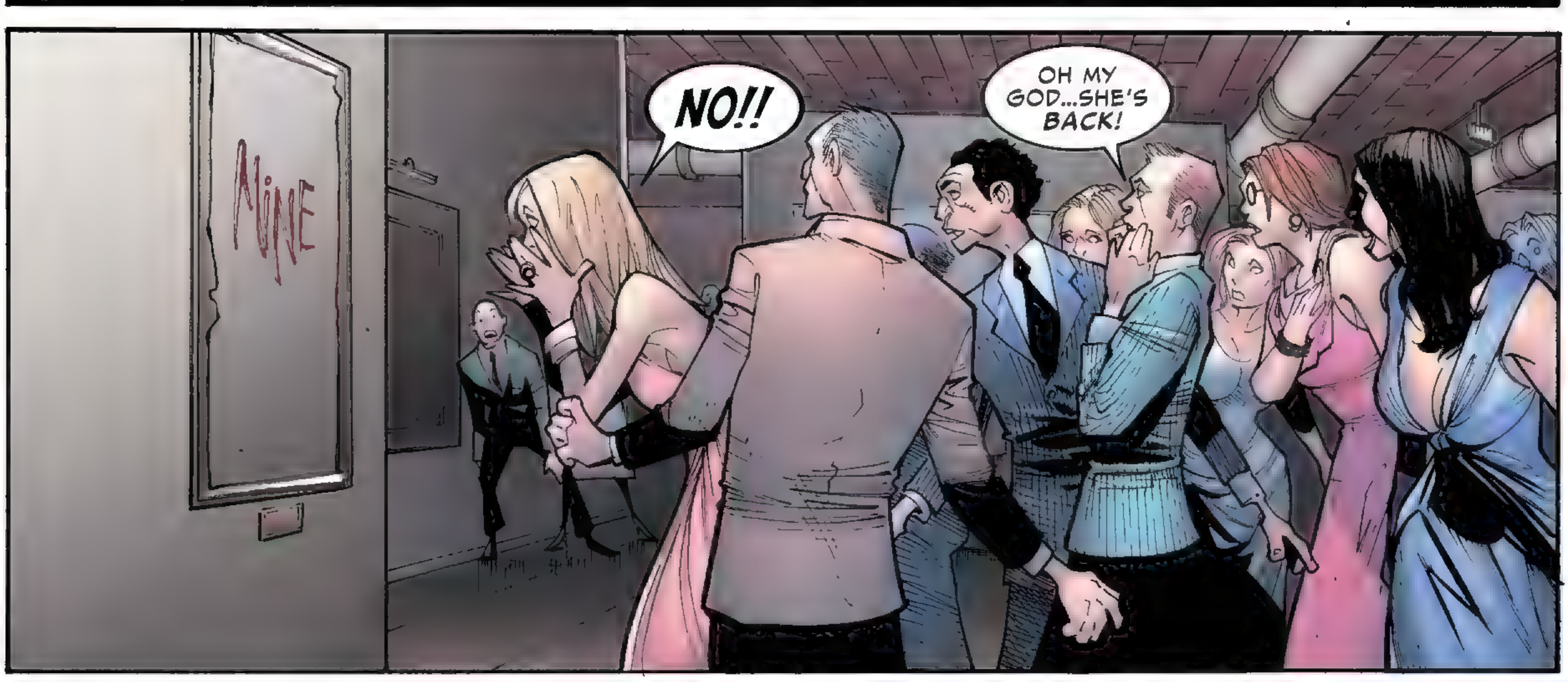
LEAVING THE LAB? HOW OBLIGING. I THINK I'VE DONE ALL THE DAMAGE I CAN THERE.
BUT THERE'S SO MUCH YET TO DESTROY...
AND I CAN HELP.
EASY. I'M ALONE. I RECOGNIZED THE SECURITY HUB IN YOUR DR. EVIL BROADCAST. BUT I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY...IN FACT, I THINK WE CAN BE *ALLIES*.
I'VE HEARD OF YOU. *THE GHOST*--CORPORATE SABOTEUR, RIGHT? WHICH MEANS SOMEONE HIRED YOU, PROBABLY TO TORPEDO OUR SUPER-PRISON.
WELL, GUESS WHAT? NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER. IT'S ALL MY PARTNER'S IDEA. I THINK IT'S A STINKER.
I'LL MAKE YOU A DEAL: DON'T HURT ANYONE, LEAVE THE REST OF OUR PROJECTS ALONE...AND I'LL SHOW YOU THE BEST, FASTEST WAY TO WRECK THE PRISON STUFF *BEYOND REPAIR*.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
YOU'RE A SHREWD NEGOTIATOR, YOUNG LADY. SMART AND RUTHLESS. YOU'LL GO FAR IN THE BUSINESS WORLD.
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T HAVE THAT. YOU SEE, I DON'T SABOTAGE CORPORATIONS FOR THE MONEY. I DO IT BECAUSE I HATE THEM.
AND I WANT THEM DEAD.

AAIIEEEE!
WHAT--?
GOTTA MOVE. GET THERE NOW.
FRRRSH
THAT WAS THE SCREAM OF SOMEONE STARING DEATH...
...RIGHT IN THE FACE!
NO!!
TO BE CONCLUDED!

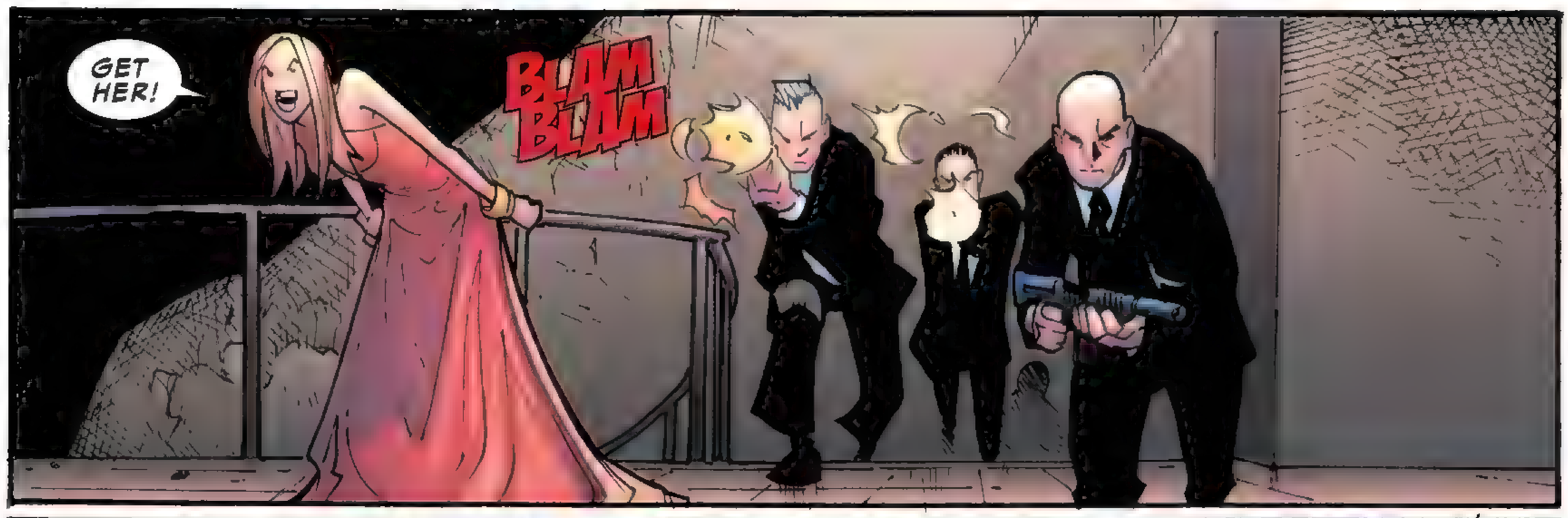
TWO YEARS AGO.
THIS IS MY FAVORITE...A LOST RENOIR MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW EXISTS. I'LL TELL YOU HOW I HAD IT AUTHENTICATED...JUST DON'T ASK WHERE I "PICKED IT UP!"
HAHAHAHAHA!
OH, FELICIA, YOU'RE SO BAD!

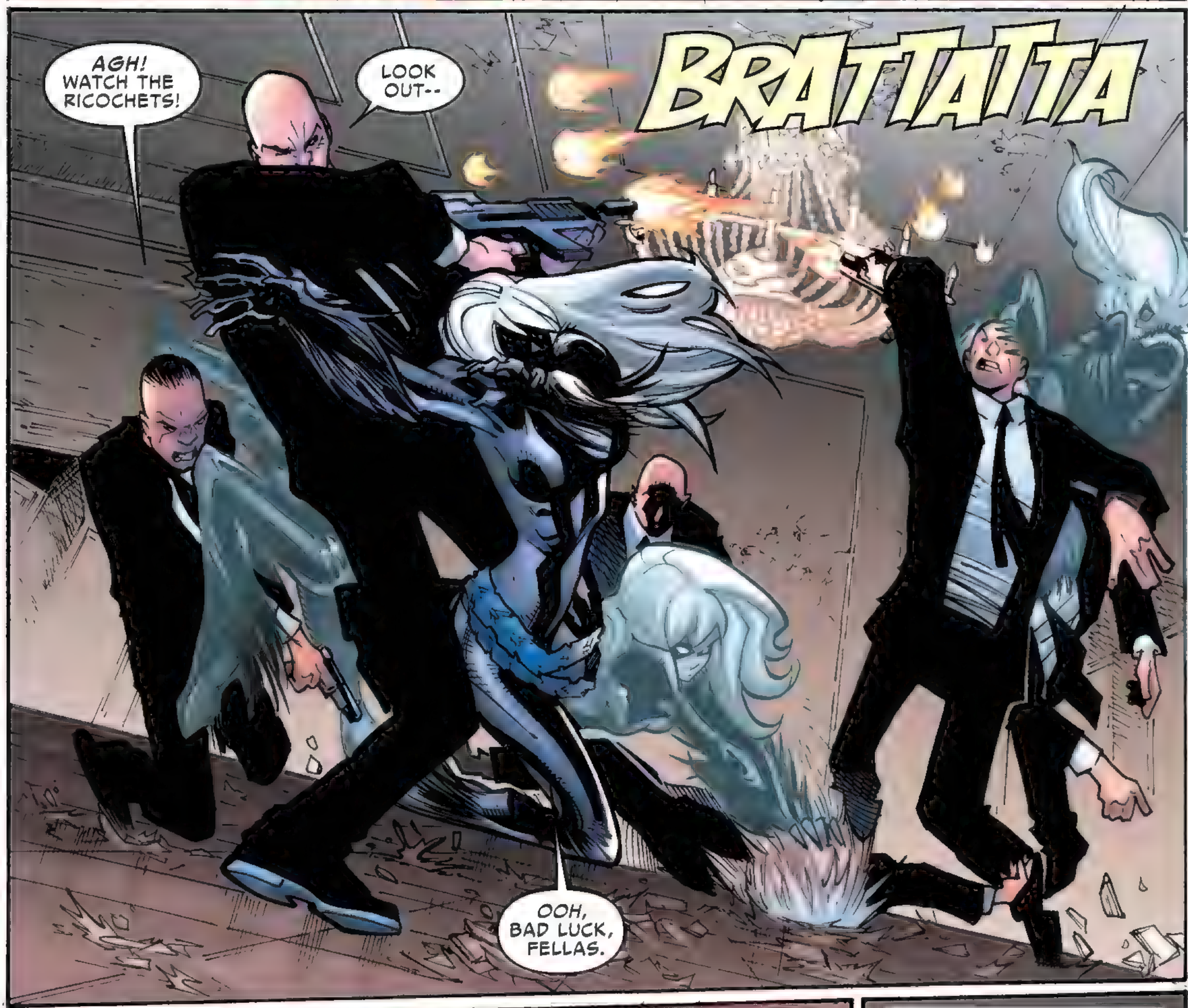

...CAN YOU BELIEVE FELICIA HARDY KEPT THIS HIDDEN AWAY? SELFISH WITCH. A MASTERPIECE LIKE THIS SHOULD BE ENJOYED BY EVERYONE.
SOME PEOPLE SAY I'M CRAZY TO HAVE PAID SO MUCH, JUST TO LOAN IT TO A MUSEUM. BUT MY CONSCIENCE WOULDN'T LET ME DO ANYTHING ELSE.
REGINA, YOU'RE A SAINT.

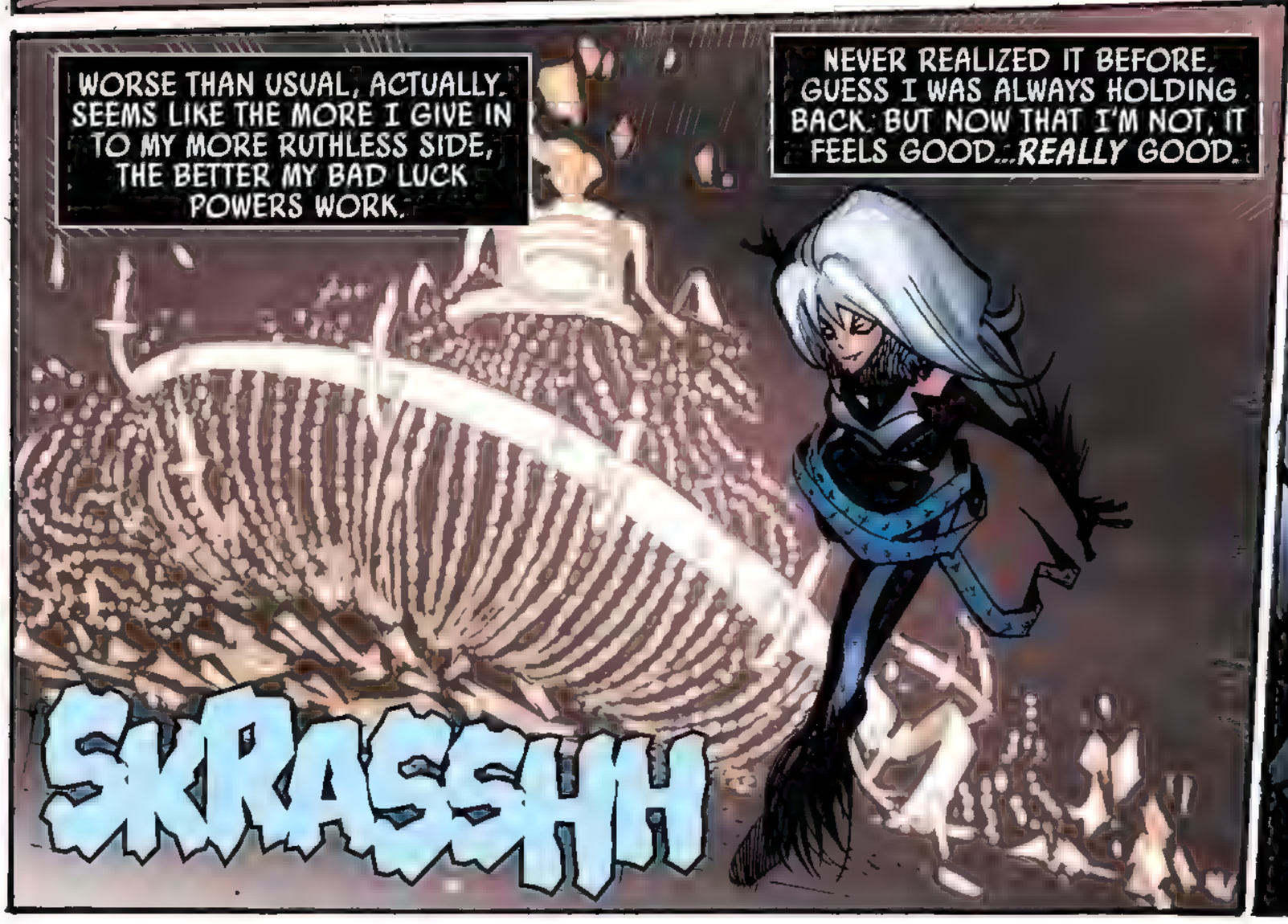
WHAT--?
THE LIGHTS! SECURITY!


NO!!
OH MY GOD...SHE'S BACK!

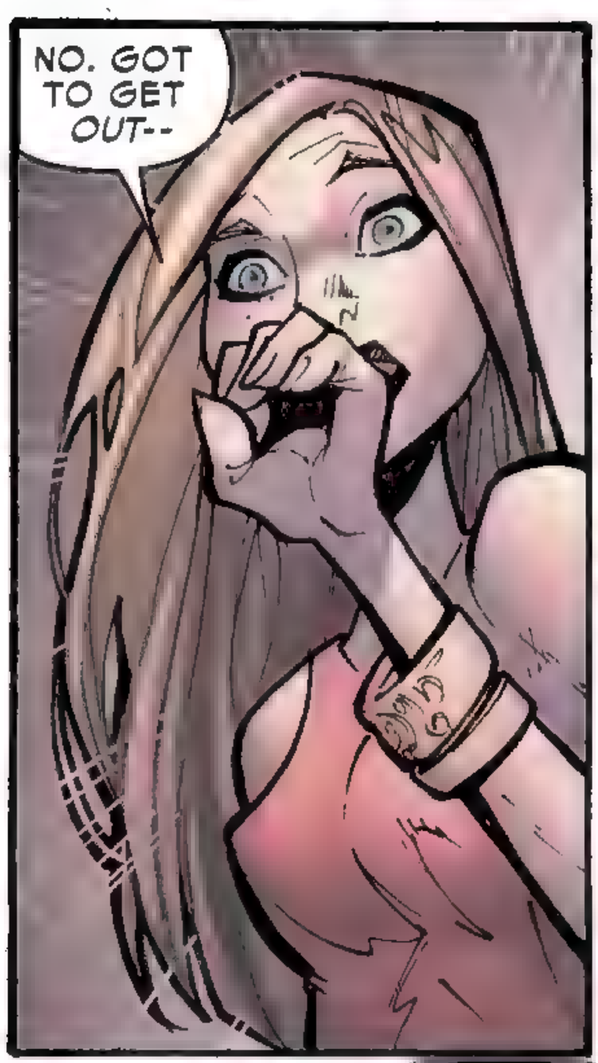
HUMILIATE ME, WILL SHE? I'LL HAVE HARDY BACK IN JAIL SO FAST HER EMPTY LITTLE HEAD WILL SPIN.
FIND ME THE BEST MILITARY CONTRACTORS MONEY CAN BUY. I WANT TO GET THAT PAINTING BACK AND TEACH LITTLE MISS "BLACK CAT" A LESSON SHE'LL NEVER--
MY TREASURES! SHE--SHE TOOK IT ALL!
MS. VENDERKAMP, WE NEED TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE.
NO! I HAVE TO SEE IF SHE CLEANED OUT THE UPSTAIRS, TOO. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THIS BUILDING? DON'T I PAY A SMALL FORTUNE FOR SECURITY?
YES, MA'AM, BUT THE PERP COULD STILL BE--
OH, I COULDN'T LEAVE.
NOT UNTIL DEAR REGINA LEARNS...NO ONE TAKES ANYTHING FROM THE BLACK CAT.
NOT WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT. DEARLY.
BLACK CAT
IN
"REPOSSESSION"
PART 2 OF 3:
"No Take Backsies"

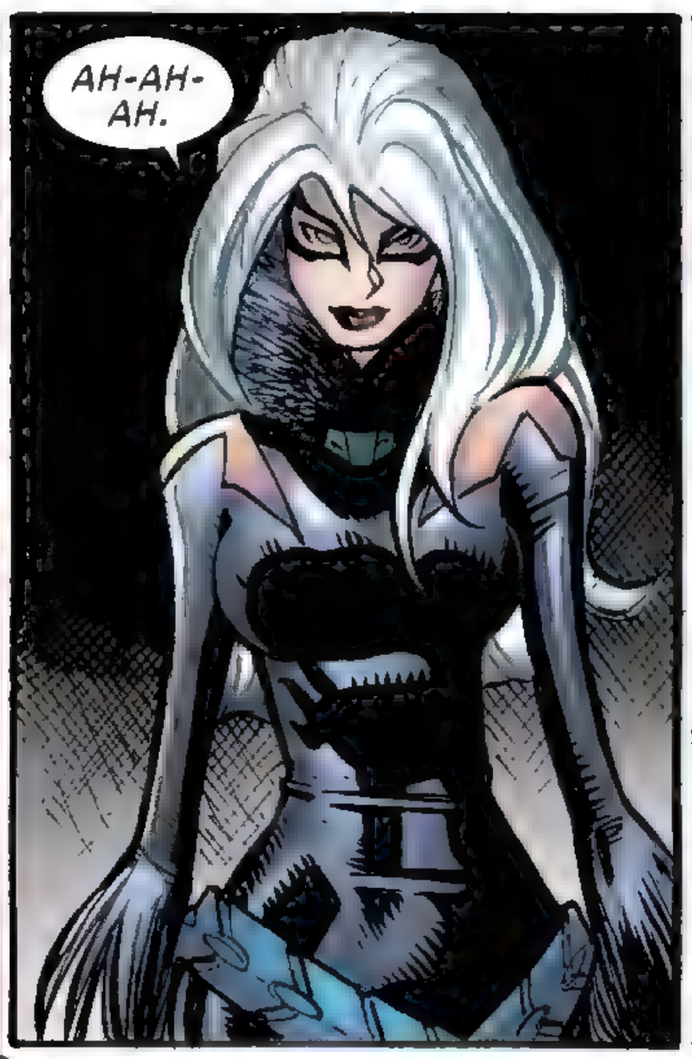

GET HER!
BLAM BLAM


AGH! WATCH THE RICOCHETS!
LOOK OUT--
BRATTATTA
OOH, BAD LUCK, FELLAS.


WORSE THAN USUAL, ACTUALLY. SEEMS LIKE THE MORE I GIVE IN TO MY MORE RUTHLESS SIDE, THE BETTER MY BAD LUCK POWERS WORK.
NEVER REALIZED IT BEFORE. GUESS I WAS ALWAYS HOLDING BACK. BUT NOW THAT I'M NOT, IT FEELS GOOD...REALLY GOOD.
SKRASSHH

AND WHEN IT COMES TO REGINA VENDERKAMP... THERE'S A LOT TO LET OUT.





CHSSHH

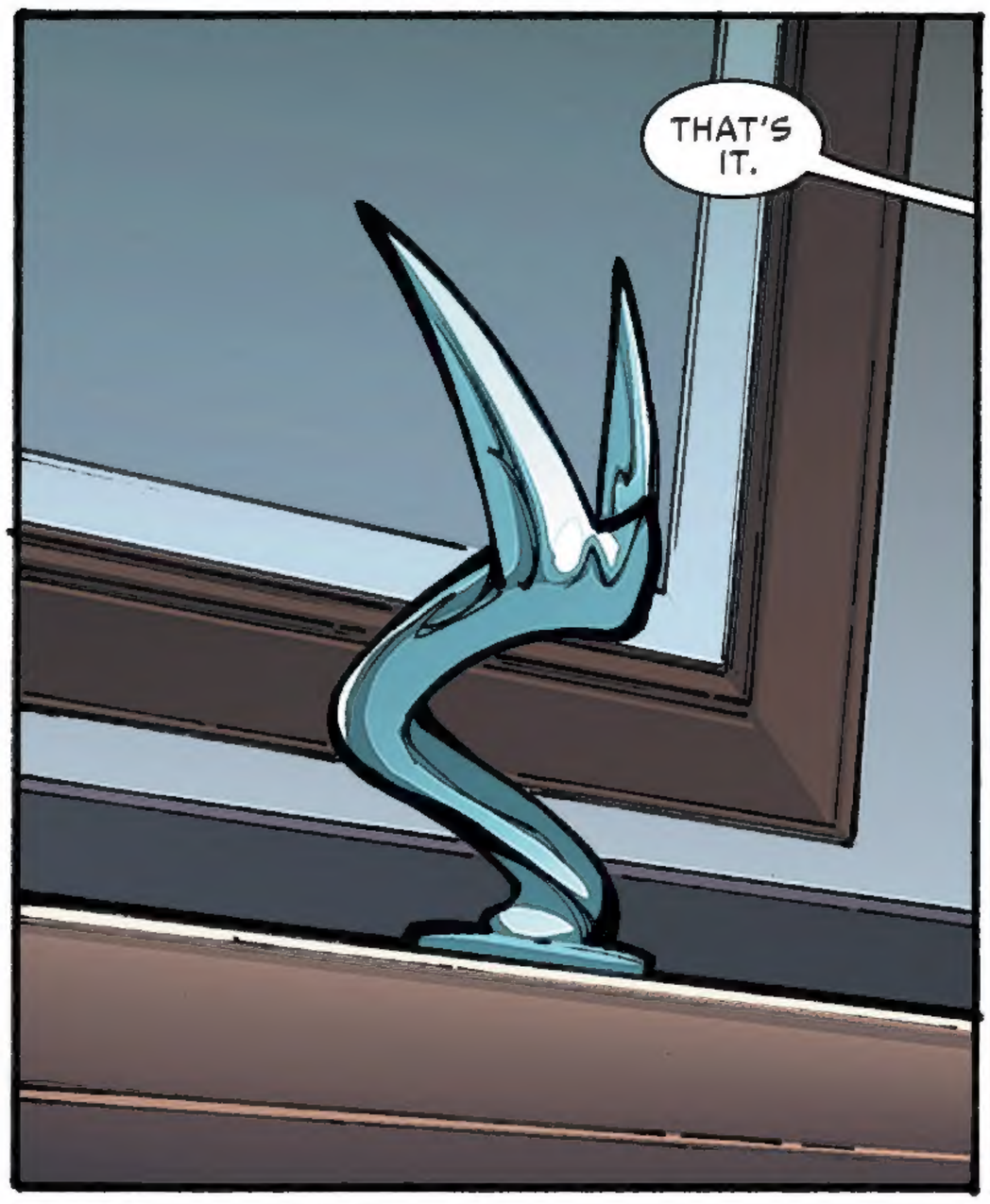
THK

UH!

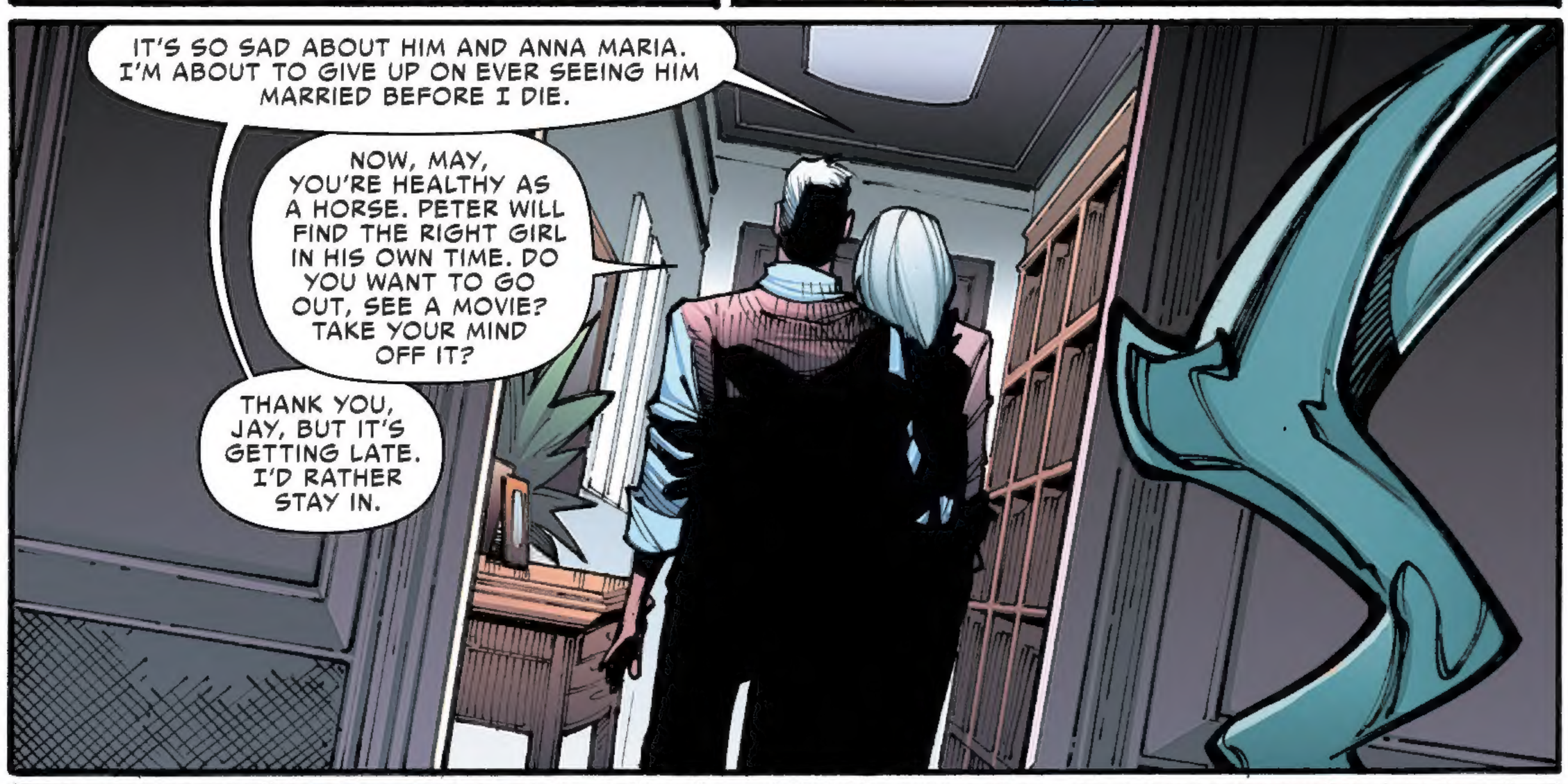
OH, SUCK IT UP, HONEY. IT'S NOT FATAL. JUST ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE CATNAP.

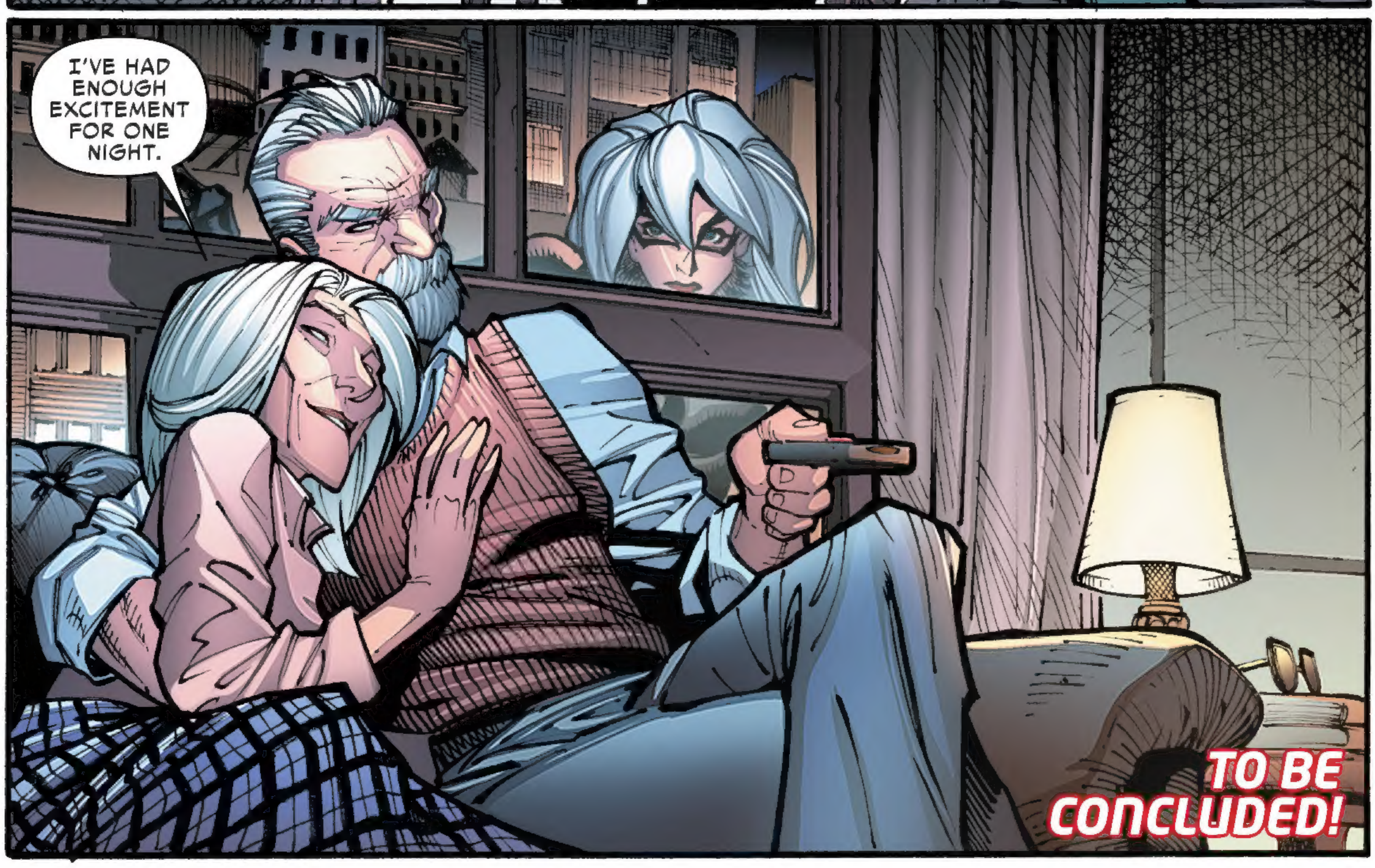
I LIKE TO PLAY WITH MY PREY A LOT LONGER THAN THIS...

HOURS LATER.
HNNN...?
A LITTLE CROOKED? I THOUGHT SO TOO. THERE, THAT'S BETTER.
STUNNING, ISN'T IT? LOOKING AT IT EVERY DAY MADE ME FEEL... LUCKY. TO BE SURROUNDED BY SUCH BEAUTY.
ALL OF THIS. EVERYTHING THAT WAS TAKEN FROM ME. A LIFETIME OF TREASURES I'VE HAD TO TAKE BACK.
YOU'RE CRAZY!
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S NOT QUITE PERFECT YET.
THERE'S JUST ONE THING MISSING...


THAT'S IT.

IT DOES LOOK NICE ON THE MANTEL, DOESN'T IT?
SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE TABLE. ALL THROUGH DINNER, I WORRIED PETER WOULD KNOCK IT OVER. I ADORE THAT BOY, BUT HE CAN BE A BIT KLUTZY.


IT'S SO SAD ABOUT HIM AND ANNA MARIA. I'M ABOUT TO GIVE UP ON EVER SEEING HIM MARRIED BEFORE I DIE.
NOW, MAY, YOU'RE HEALTHY AS A HORSE. PETER WILL FIND THE RIGHT GIRL IN HIS OWN TIME. DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT, SEE A MOVIE? TAKE YOUR MIND OFF IT?
THANK YOU, JAY, BUT IT'S GETTING LATE. I'D RATHER STAY IN.


I'VE HAD ENOUGH EXCITEMENT FOR ONE NIGHT.
TO BE CONCLUDED!

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Welcome back to the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN LETTERS PAGE! Lots of letters about "Spider-Verse" so let's jump right in.

Dear Spidey Team.

As a massive Spider-Man fan I couldn't be happier with the comic than I am at the moment. The "Spider-Verse" storyline has been an absolute delight from start to finish and I look forward to what the future brings to Peter Parker. But my appreciation does not extend from just myself, and this brings me onto one of my favorite modern Spidey characters: Anna Maria Marconi. I say this because within the last two years I have gotten to know Anna, and in that same timeframe I also became an Uncle for the first time. My niece, Eden, was born with dwarfism and, so, to get the chance to see an actual character with a similar condition fleshed out in the Superior Spider-Man storyline and then continue onwards into Amazing is... it's beyond words.

I close by saying thank you and enclose an image of myself and my niece wearing our matching Spidey hoodies.

She's as big a fan as I am.

Steven Beer
Bedfordshire, United Kingdom

Thanks for writing in, Steven, and thanks to you and Eden being such Spidey super-fans. We love Anna Maria, too, and we've got big plans for her moving forward.

First off thank you for bringing back one of my favorite parts of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: THE LETTERS PAGE!

After 700 issues I was never fortunate to have one printed, and not for lack of trying. Hopefully, we can get this grave matter corrected.

"Spider-verse" was one of the most fun comic events I've read in years, key word being "fun".

I always enjoyed the classic What If stories from the past such as "What If Uncle Ben had lived," "What If Spider-Man had kept his extra arms," and "What If Spider-Man's Clone had lived" and so on.

Seeing all the Spiders come together was great and even though the story is over, how about a new monthly book titled "Tales of the Spider-Verse"?

It could feature some of the greats like the 1967 cartoon Spider-Man, the Japanese robot Spider-Man and Spider-Punk.

Each issue could feature up to 3 different characters. I realize we have Spider-Gwen and Silk coming out of this but please don't disregard the other wonderful characters created out of this event. I think it would be great to see the 1967 Spidey get his own book personally.

If this is not anything that can happen, how about an occasional back-up story giving us updates?

Lastly, I've enclosed a picture of me and my two sons Cooper & Sawyer with not only our favorite web-head, but the legendary Mr. Jameson, as well.

Wallopin' Websnappers and many THANKS!

Mike Dudley
Dickson, TN

Those are some handsome kids! Who's the dad? Thanks for the letter, Mike. You can get your next "Spider-Verse" fix in SECRET WARS: SPIDER-VERSE. And know that we're not done with a lot of these characters.

Dear Nick,

This letter is in reference to the post-"Spider-Verse" landscape moving forward. Can you please offer your readers some kind of idea when Dan will be off the book? He's written more Spider-Man than anyone with the exception of Stan Lee (if you count the newspaper strips) and Brian Michael Bendis. I understand that his work is accessible for many casual readers with little to no frame of reference, but even many of his strongest supporters believed he should have left when Superior ended. And with Spider-Verse over what excuse does he have? He certainly caters to the taste of much of the current regime at Marvel. I ask that as editor you differentiate yourself. I'm sick of Marvel "Events" and so-called story arcs (look up the word story arc in the dictionary. You Marvel folks will see it's different from a multi-part look at the Tablet Arc in Stan Lee's run or the Jackal Arc in Conway's if you want a clue.) screaming for attention, it just betrays how corrupt and lame some corners of the universe are. The resulting desperation of unrepentant hacks. How often do we get one-issue stories? Two-parters? Character studies? Slice of life? Oh yeah, Slott is a self-confessed plotter by nature. Howard Mackie's run is downright readable in comparison to most of Slott's work. History won't remember the BND/Big Time/Superior/Relaunch era fondly at all. I hope that you have sufficient authority/decency/guts to put yourself on the right side of this.

Ryan Knight
New Port Richey, FL

Hi, Ryan. Sorry you don't like Dan's run, but you certainly seem to know it very well. If you're a Gerry Conway fan, definitely pick up AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #16.1, on sale now. It's the first part of a five-parter (sorry). Pains me that you're so unhappy, so take this as permission to leave the book behind. I'm a big fan of Dan's work and won't be replacing him any time soon, providing we're still publishing Spider-Man after Secret Wars.

Dear Slott and the Spidey gang,

Spidey was one of my favorite heroes and meeting different versions of him makes me pumped and excited! Thanks to you guys I even started the game SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED, which is also awesome! Seeing how this Spidey storyline worked so well, it makes me happy that the future of Spidey will always be great no matter what and the ideas will never stop! Keep going with the stories!

1) Where do we read to find out what happened with Kingpin?
2) Will most Spideys gain their own stories after this, other than the major female Spideys?
3) Why isn't Agent Venom part of the "Spider-Verse"?

Thanks,
Andre Lee

Hi Andre! Thanks for writing and playing SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED. 1) We last saw Wilson Fisk, A.K.A. the Kingpin in the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN OGN last year. 2) Most Spiders won't get their own series, but check out SECRET WARS: SPIDER-VERSE for more Spider action. 3) We had to draw the line somewhere, so symbiotes were cut off from "Spider-Verse."

Dear Spidey Office,
I don't usually read Spider-Man, but I'm making an exception for "Spider-Verse". It's not so much Peter Parker I'm interested in, but all the new Spiders! "Spider-Verse" gave you the opportunity to put new spins on a classic idea, and you didn't disappoint.
Are any of the new spiders besides Spider-Gwen and Silk getting an ongoing? Some of these new spiders have serious potential; SP//dr, in particular, was my favorite single issue of 2014, if not longer. It makes me sad to think they'll be forgotten after the event ends.
Field-testing new characters in this sort of event was a stroke of genius. You should use it more often!

Sincerely,
Chris Stuurman
Toronto, Canada

We love SP//dr, too. And we had plans to do more, but the stars just wouldn't align. I still have hope to get Gerard and Jake to do more Marvel comics!

Alright, "Spider-Verse" was awesome and Spider-Man is back doing his own thing. All great!
But I gotta ask, is this the end of Superior? He truly is my favorite character, and he wasn't the nicest guy ever, I admit, but his heart was there for the better, and I feel there are still more stories where he can grow more into the hero he is destined to be! I know you probably can't tell me if he comes back or not, so I'll ask this: is it possible in the foreseeable future that Superior Spider-Man can, maybe, but not necessarily, come back? I'm just saying the hate for Superior is loud, I'll admit, but the love for him is more than the hate!

Jorge Prias
Guayaquil, Ecuador (yes, all the way from Ecuador!)

Superior Spider-Man is done. Sorry, Jorge and other Superior Spider-Man fans. With "Spider-Verse" done, his loop is closed. And while I'm a HUGE Superior Spider-Man fan, I'm pretty pleased because it was such a great run with one of the best endings in Marvel Comics history.

Dear Wall-Crawlers,
In your synopsis on page one, you refer to the fight between the heroes and the inheritors as "viscious." Before people start writing in screaming that you can't spell, etc. clearly you meant what you said. You obviously were combining vicious (deliberately cruel or violent, as in "those stinking inheritors sure are vicious") and viscous (having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid, as in "look at all those viscous fluids leaking out of the spiders' corpses!" In the order to save valuable space and the reader's time you merged the two words into a power word not unlike Brangelina. You guys are always thinking about us readers. Thank you.
Can I get a no-prize?

Rob Shelor
Roanoke VA

Well done, Rob. Apparently, Assistant Editor Devin Lewis can't spell. You should have gotten your No-Prize well before you read this letters page!

Dear Spider-Staff,

I have one word for "Spider-Verse": awesome. As in, awe-inducing. Or just awesome.
Anyway, I have four questions for you:
1. At the end of ASM #14, Peter said, "... it's been a really long day." Did that really all happen in one day?! Dang!
2. Might Otto's murder of the Weaver have anything to do with the collapse of worlds in Secret Wars?
3. So...is Kaine really dead? Knowing Marvel, he'll probably be resurrected soon, but actually, you guys have been killing off quite a few people lately. Does that mean something?
4. Please make a comic starring the Inheritors! That would be awesome!

Your fan,
Kai

Kai! Thanks for writing. 1) When you're bopping around multiple universes, it's hard to keep track of minutes and hours. 2) Otto's actions didn't kick off Secret Wars, but it certainly didn't help. 3) Did you read ASM #15? 4) Will do. A book about the Inheritors in that bunker. Like *Big Brother* but irradiated and cannibalistic. Wait, JUST LIKE *Big Brother!*

Are we every going to see a "way of the spider" style fight again?

Matthew Casale

This really nailed me. Dan actually wanted to do a Spider-Fu bit in Amazing Spider-Man, but I talked him out of it. Sorry.

GOTTA RUN! I'm going to go throw a dictionary at Devin's head. Meantime, Pick up ASM #16.1 and #17.1, and meet us back for #18!

Nick

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